

ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meeting of Monday, 11 September 2006
Mansfield Community Center (MCC) Community Room

MINUTES (will not be approved until 10/2/06 meeting)

1. The meeting was **called to order** by Acting Chair Derri Owen at 7:08p. Members present: Jay Ames, Kim Bova, Scott Lehmann, Derri Owen, Blanche Serban. Others present: Jay O'Keefe (staff).

2. **Minutes** of the 08 Aug 06 meeting were approved as written.

3. **MCC art displays.**

- a. The **Open Space Committee** has not responded to Scott's invitation to submit an application (and/or to send a representative to this meeting) concerning its proposed exhibit celebrating Mansfield's parks. The Committee agreed that it could wait no longer for an application before planning fall (15 Oct to 15 Jan) exhibits.
- b. Applications to exhibit have been received from **Patricia Vinsonhaler** (ceramics) and **William Stallman** (metal bird sculpture). The Committee agreed that these works would show well in the glass display cases. Scott will call Ms. Vinsonhaler to offer her the shelved glass case for the fall and to ask if she would like to use the double-sided case as well. If so, Jay A. will offer Mr. Stallman one or both cases for the winter (15 Jan to 15 Apr); if Ms. Vinsonhaler wants only the shelved case, Jay will offer Mr. Stallman the double-sided case for the fall, or both cases for the winter.
- c. **Nancy Bergeron** has not yet told Scott what exhibit areas she would like for her watercolors and acrylics; he will call her to find out.
- d. **Blanche Serban** submitted photos of paintings done this past year in Provence that are large enough for the upper sitting room space; she can also fill in if Nancy Bergeron doesn't want both the lower sitting room area and the hallways.

Tentative display plan for fall 2006:

Period	Entry cases		Sitting room		Hallway	
	Double-sided	Shelves	Upper	Lower	Long (5)	Short (2)
15 Oct – 15 Jan	William Stallman (metal sculpture)	Patricia Vinsonhaler (ceramics)	Blanche Serban (paintings)	Nancy Bergeron (watercolors, acrylics)		

4. **Old business.**

- a. **Artist information on Town website.** Leif Rawson-Ahern did not submit any material about her exhibit for posting. It would be a good idea if the Committee prepared a brief statement (artist, type of work) for posting at the beginning of each display period; artists could submit additional material if desired.

- b. **Festival on the Green.** Blanche and Jay A. offered to help Scott to judge the sidewalk chalking contest at the Festival on Sunday, 17 Sep; he will let them know what time to be there. There was some discussion about how to encourage an arts presence at the Festival. The Committee's general view is that an interior display space is needed.
- c. **MCC sitting room lighting.** Philip Hollister from the Benton has looked at the space and said he'd need time to think about what might be done to improve lighting for displays. Jay A. will contact him.
- d. **Committee membership.** Derri announced that she is resigning to free time for work on hunger issues. All agreed that she will be greatly missed!
- e. **Double-sided case.** It may be possible to install rods across the top of the case (on either side of the recessed light fixture) to permit hanging flat art in it. This case is best suited to displaying sculpture, but it would be nice to have the capability to display flat art, provided the job could be done neatly.
- f. **Removal of art.** Wording specifying a take-down date and authorizing the Committee to remove art if necessary should be added to our release form; Scott will draft something to this effect. Committee members should also call artists as the end of their exhibit period approaches, to remind them of the take-down date and offer assistance. Blanche will contact **Eda Easton** to warn her that her reliefs will have to come down by 15 Oct. Ms. Easton had very generously offered to donate these reliefs to the MCC, but unfortunately there is no place to store them safely while other works are exhibited in this space. Kim will remind **Leif Rawson-Ahern** that her exhibit must also come down by 15 Oct.

5. New business.

- a. **Town minutes policy.** Draft minutes should be submitted within seven days of each meeting for posting on the Town website.

6. Adjourned at 8:11p.

Scott Lehmann, Acting Secretary, 12 September 2006